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REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS: SOL-OAA-17-000056

for the

Establishment Purchase Agreement (BPA) for

Kitchen Sets AMENDMENT NUMBER I

March 22, 2017

This amendment answers questions submitted in response to RFQ SOL-OAA-17-000056. The period of questions is closed.

Questions and Answers

Question #1. Item #11 – Are there any restrictions on the specific type of hardwood?

Answer: We do not have restrictions on type of hardwood as long as it meets the requirements in solicitation (Edges: no sharp edges, smooth finish, no chips, no knots, food grade surface finish - therefore appropriate for cooking / stirring).

Question #2: Section 4.b. mentions the packaging type (1 carton box, outer dimensions L 30cm x W 30cm x H 20cm +/- 2%) however item 15 is an optional box or bucket with Approximate Dimensions: 380mm x 340mm x 235mm (box) or 300mm (height) x 300mm (top diameter) / 240mm (bottom diameter, bucket). As you can see, both the box and the bucket are larger than the requested packaging type. Can you please indicate how you prefer to have the box/bucket packaged? Furthermore, should we pack everything into the box/bucket and deliver it as a kit?

Answer: The carton (outer dimensions L 30cm x W 30cm x H 20cm +/- 2%) is our standard packaging and is required to be of this size. The optional plastic box/bucket (if ordered) will replace the required carton but is not likely to be used simultaneously with it. Therefore, in this case, the plastic box/bucket will serve as packaging and will be placed on pallet (no additional carton to cover it is expected). Through previous research it was determined that we would likely need a larger plastic box/bucket than a carton. However, the dimensions for optional plastic box/bucket are listed as approximate. Therefore the

vendor is welcome to offer a smaller plastic box/bucket (or multiple options) to optimize transport so long as the box/bucket accommodates the entire kitchen set content. If the question is applicable to shipping a sample then yes, it would be acceptable to place the kit into the plastic box or bucket or these items can be shipped separately. It is up to the vendor to decide whether to package the plastic box/bucket into an additional carton or not. Either way is acceptable so long as the item arrives in the condition acceptable for review/testing.

Question #3: Regarding number of cartons allowed on a pallet, in your details you have mentioned for 60 cartons, but given pallet size might not take 60 cartons. Please advise if pallet size or number of cartons on a pallet can be altered.

Answer: The standard carton size (L 30cm x W 30cm x H 20cm +/- 2%) should fit the required pallet size (122cm x 92cm). As such, the pallet size or number of cartons on pallet indicated in the solicitation must not be altered.

If, however, the offeror is calculating the number of Kitchen Sets packaged into optional plastic boxes/buckets, then the larger pallet dimension (L 122cm x W 102cm (L 48" x W 40")) is acceptable as optional plastic boxes/buckets can be larger than carton dimensions (L 30cm x W 30cm x H 20cm +/- 2%).

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Sincerely,

/s/

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